pleased to state the names of the countries from where seeds are proposed to be imported by Government and what is the quantity of seeds that are to be imported during the year 1988-89 and 1989-90.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (i) A request has been made by the National Oilseeds & Vegetables Oils Development Board to Soviet authorities for import of 100 kgs. each of six selected varieties of sunflower.

(ii) The proposals made by Government of Himachal Pradesh for import 3.59 quintals and by Government of Uttar Pradesh for import of 15.8 quintals of fodder grass from Australia is under process.

(iii) Small quantities of seeds as germplasm are imported by ICAR through National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources to meet varying research requirements of the country.

There is no other proposal, at the moment, for import of seeds by Government during the year 1988-89 and 1989-90.

Loss to NCCF in Sale of Imported Chick Piece Bags

1859. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2205 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th May, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Taj consumers Cooperative Society did not furnish any Bank guarantee and the guarantees were in fact furnished by different private parties; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken against the guilty officers for accepting third party guarantee which ultimately could not be forfeited?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The NCCF had reported that the following three firms had furnished the bank guarantees as Associates on behalf of the Taj Consumers Cooperative Society Limited.

1. M/s. Simex International
2. M/s. Libbys Enterprises
3. M/s. Navjeevan Velvets.

(b) The bank guarantees, were forfeited by the NCCF after the failure of the contract with M/s Taj Consumer Cooperative Society Limited. Two banks did not credit the guarantee amount in favour of the NCCF for which legal actions were taken by the NCCF. The cooperative court No. II, Bombay, has already awarded the guarantee amounts in favour of the Federation.

For the omissions and commissions on the part of the officers in this deal, actions have already been initiated. The services of the then Chief Manager (Import and Export) have already been terminated. The then Chief Controller of A/cs and Finance, Addl. Managing Director, Managing Director have already been repatriated to their parent Departments. Their parent Departments have been requested to take suitable action against them for their lapses in this deal. The case is being pursued with these organisations from time to time.

दिल्ली खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति विभाग के मंडल सं० 43 द्वारा राशन कार्डों का जारी किया जाना

1860. **श्री मुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली प्रशासन के खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति विभाग के मंडल सं 43 के मंडल अधिकारी और न्यू उस्मानपुर तथा जगजीत नगर के निरीक्षकों के विरुद्ध समय पर कार्यालय न आने और आवेदकों को नये खाद्य कार्ड जारी करने के लिए उनसे बी०डी०ओ० तथा ग्राम प्रधान से प्रमाण पत्र मांगे जाने, जो कि दिल्ली प्रशासन के नियमों का उल्लंघन है, के संबंध में कुछ समय पूर्व विभिन्न समितियों और आवेदकों से कुछ शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई है,

परन्तु उन सभी शिकायतों को निचले स्तर पर ही दबा दिया जा रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले छ महीने के दौरान प्राप्त हुई ऐसी शिकायतों का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या इस संबंध में कोई जांच कराए जाने का विचार है;

(घ) यदि उपर्युक्त भाग (क) और (ख) का उत्तर हां हो, तो क्या सरकार उक्त अधिकारियों को स्थानांतरित करने का विचार रखती है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री डी० एल० बैठा) : (क) से (ङ) दिल्ली प्रशासन ने सूचित किया है कि उन्हें श्री एस.के. पट्टनायक, संसद सदस्य से कुछ शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई थीं, जिनमें मंडल सं० 43 में कार्यरत नागरिक आपूर्ति स्टाफ के विरुद्ध कार्यालय में उनके नियमित रूप से उपस्थित न रहने और नए राशन कार्ड जारी करने के लिए डी०डी०ओ० तथा ग्राम प्रधानों के प्रमाण-पत्र की मांग करने के आरोप लगाए गए थे। इन शिकायतों की दिल्ली प्रशासन की सतर्कता शाखा द्वारा जांच की गई थी और उनमें जो आरोप लगाए गए थे उनकी पुष्टि नहीं हो सकी। दिल्ली प्रशासन द्वारा माननीय संसद सदस्य महोदय को स्थिति से अवगत करा दिया गया था।

News Item entitled "Rural Programme Make Little Impact"

1861. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in 'the Statsman' New Delhi on the 1st November, 1988 under the caption "Rural Programme make little impact";

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether Government have received the study report of the Nutrition Foundation of India and taken cognisance thereof. and

(d) what system is followed by Government to ascertain the nutrition status of the under privileged children in rural and urban areas?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations

1862. SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of grants-in-aid given to voluntary organisations for welfare of minorities during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the names of the organisations which received such grants; and

(c) the details of projects sponsored by the Ministry for the welfare of minorities during the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) to (c) There are no schemes with Government of India for grant-in-aid to voluntary organisations meant exclusively for the welfare of the minorities. However, accent is laid on ensuring that the minorities get a fair and adequate share in all developmental activities.

Contempt of the Orders of Rajasthan High Court regarding Entry of Harijans into Nathdwara Temple

1863. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:
SHRI DURGA PRASAD JAMUDA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any contempt of the orders of the Rajasthan High Court by way of beating of the Harijans